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Dong-bin LIM et al.

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For: BREAD MAKER AND CONTROL METHOD THEREOF

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure provisions of 37 CFR § 1.56, there is hereby provided certain information which the Examiner may consider material to the examination of the subject U.S. patent application. It is requested that the Examiner make this information of record if it is deemed material to the examination of the subject application.

1. Enclosures accompanying this Information Disclosure Statement are:

- 1a. ☒ Form PTO-1449.
- 1b. ☒ Copies of IDS citations.
- 1c. ☐ An English language copy of search report(s) from a counterpart foreign application or a PCT International Search Report.
- 1d. ☐ English language translation (Abstract Only) attached to each non-English language publication.
- 1e. ☒ Explanations of Relevancy of References (ATTACHMENT 1(e), hereto) for providing a concise explanation of each non-English publication.
- 1f. ☐ List of Copending Applications (ATTACHMENT 1(f), hereto).
- 1g. ☐ List of Additional Submitted Documents (ATTACHMENT 1(g), hereto).

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- 2a. ☐ Within three months of the filing date of a national application other than a Continued Prosecution Application under § 1.53(d);
- 2b. ☐ Within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in § 1.491 in an international application.
- 2c. ☒ Before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits; or
- 2d. ☐ Before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under § 1.114.

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- 4a. ☐ The § 1.97(e) Statement in Item 5 below is applicable; AND
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5. ☐ Statement under § 1.97(e) (*applicable if Item 3a or Item 4 is checked*)

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 5b. ☐ In accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(e)(2), it is stated that no item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was known by any individual designated in §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

6. ☐ This is a continuation/divisional/continuation-in-part application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b).

(Check appropriate Items 6a and/or 6b)

- 6a. ☐ Copies of the publications listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 which were previously cited in prior application Serial No. ___, filed on ___, and which is relied on for an earlier effective filing date for the subject application under 35 U.S.C. § 120, have been omitted pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.98(d).
 6b. ☐ Copies of the publications listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 which were not previously cited in prior application Serial No. ___, filed on ___, and which is relied on for an earlier effective filing date for the subject application under 35 U.S.C. § 120, are provided herewith.

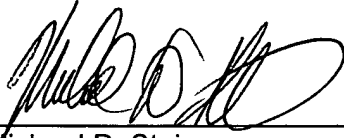
7. ☐ This is a continuation/divisional application under 37 CFR § 1.53(d) or Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114.
(Check either Item 7a or 7b)
- 7a. ☐ The Issue Fee has not been paid.
- 7b. ☐ A Petition to Withdraw from issue under 37 CFR §1.313(c) is filed concurrently herewith or has been granted. A continuation application under 37 CFR § 1.53(d) or Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114, after payment of the Issue Fee is proper in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.53(d)(1)(ii) or 37 CFR 1.114(a), respectively.
8. ☐ This is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.
(Check either Item 8a or 8b)
- 8a. ☐ This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(f) supplements the Information Disclosure Statement filed on _____. A bona fide attempt was made to comply with 37 CFR § 1.98, but inadvertent omissions were made. These omissions have been corrected herein. Accordingly, additional time is requested so that this Supplemental IDS can be considered as if properly filed on _____.
- 8b. ☐ This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is timely filed within one (1) month of the Notice under 37 CFR § 1.97 and 1.98, mailed _____. (MPEP 609 C(1), Form & 6.49, Rev. 1, Feb. 2000, pp. 600-107)
9. ☒ In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.98, a concise explanation of what is presently understood to be the relevance of each non-English language publication is:
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- 9a. ☐ satisfied because all non-English language publications were cited on the enclosed English language copy of the PCT International Search Report or the search report from a counterpart foreign application indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office. (See U.S. Patent & Trademark Offices authorization in the Federal Register, Vol. 57, No. 12, January 17, 1992, at page 2031 (Reply to Comment 68).)
- 9b. ☐ set forth in the application.
- 9c. ☐ satisfied because an English language translation (Abstract Only) is attached to each non-English language publication.
- 9d. ☒ enclosed as Attachment 1(e), hereto.
10. No admission is made that the information cited in this Statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability nor a representation that a search has been made (other than search report(s) from a counterpart foreign application or a PCT International Search Report, if submitted herewith). 37 CFR §§ 1.97(g) and (h).

11. The Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17 for this Information Disclosure Statement and/or Petition to Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	TRANSLATION YES NO	
	AB	1992-7751	1992/10/17	Korea				X
	AC	1998-34101	1998/8/5	Korea				X
	AD	59-52136	1984/3/26	Japan				X
	AE	2-146426	1990/6/5	Japan				X
	AF	4-9520	1992/1/14	Japan				X
	AG	5-172343	1993/7/9	Japan				X
	AH	6-30852	1994/2/8	Japan				X
	AI	9-140594	1997/6/3	Japan				X
	AJ	9-271446	1997/10/21	Japan				X
	AK	4-161115	1992/6/4	Japan				X
	AL	10-179409	1998/7/7	Japan				X
	AM	10-272062	1998/10/13	Japan				X
	AN	4-48118	1992/2/18	Japan				X
	AO	5-95431	1993/12/27	Japan				X

OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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ATTACHMENT 1(e)

EXPLANATIONS OF RELEVANCY OF REFERENCES	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	APPLICATION NO.
	1572.1209	Unassigned
	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	
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Reference AB: Korean Publication No. 1992-7751, published 1992/10/17 is generally related to "Bread Maker and Control Method Thereof"

Reference AC: Korean Publication No. 1998-34101, published 1998/8/5 is generally related to "Bread Maker and Control Method Thereof"

Reference AD: Japanese Publication No. 59-52136, published 1984/3/26 is generally related to "Bread Maker and Control Method Thereof"

Reference AE: Japanese Publication No. 2-146426, published 1990/6/5 is generally related to "Microwave Oven"

Reference AF: Japanese Publication No. 4-9520, published 1992/1/14 is generally related to "Microwave Oven"

Reference AG: Japanese Publication No. 5-172343, published 1993/7/9 is generally related to "Microwave Oven"

Reference AH: Japanese Publication No. 6-30852, published 1994/2/8 is generally related to "Bread Maker and Control Method Thereof"

Reference AI: Japanese Publication No. 9-140594, published 1997/6/3 is generally related to "Bread Maker and Control Method Thereof"

Reference AJ: Japanese Publication No. 9-271446, published 1997/10/21 is generally related to "Bread Maker and Control Method Thereof"

Reference AK: Japanese Publication No. 4-161115, published 1992/6/4 is generally related to "Cooker"

Reference AL: Japanese Publication No. 10-179409, published 1998/7/7 is generally related to "Bread Maker and Control Method Thereof"

Reference AM: Japanese Publication No. 10-272062, published 1998/10/13 is generally related to "Bread Maker and Control Method Thereof"

Reference AN: Japanese Publication No. 4-48118, published 1992/2/18 is generally related to "Microwave Oven"

Reference AO: Japanese Publication No. 5-95431, published 1993/12/27 is generally related to "Bread Maker and Control Method Thereof"